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Mr. Reed Hundt, Chair  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Mr. Hundt,

I am writing you concerning the quality of children's TV programming. Please strengthen the Children's Television Act by adding the following language to the rules of the act.

1. Require the following for "educational programming":
  - programming that has education as a "significant purpose"
  - programs that air between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
  - programs that are regularly scheduled and of substantial length (at least 15 minutes)
  - written statements provided by stations on the educational objectives and the child audience targeted by the programming
2. Require stations to identify educational children's programming when it airs to help parents choose these shows.
3. Mandate that stations air a minimum of three hours per week of educational shows for children. This requirement will rise to five hours per week over a period of several years.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Hundt,

I am not sure how fundamental your proposals are for changing "the way telecommunications policy serves America's children," but I am in favor of them. While I have watched with dismay some of the censorial things you and your commission have done in an attempt to "clean up" the airwaves (which I think have proved to be largely unsuccessful), it seems to me that we can demand more of the broadcasting profit-seekers than we now do, especially in light of the corporate welfare they have always enjoyed in their essentially free use of the public's airwaves.

I suspect that if that welfare were tallied up, the total would surpass the recent \$2.9 BILLION worth of mining rights in the Coronado National Forest in Arizona that went to Asarco Inc. for a mere \$1,745. (A.P., 12/2/95)

I would like to propose, Mr. Chairman, that instead of just doing negative things to discourage trashy TV and radio, how about doing positive things to ENCOURAGE GOOD TV and radio--such as supporting public TV and radio through fees paid by commercial broadcasters for their use (and outrageous abuse) of the public's airwaves?

I know it is not a new idea; I know it is controversial (at least to the broadcasting lobby). But sometimes, Mr. Chairman, the FCC needs to screw its courage to the sticking place and stop catering to the broadcasting industry. If your commission is genuinely interested in improving the airwaves, it can do so by increasing many-fold the good radio and TV that the public broadcasters give us. As things stand, the ever-increasing reliance of public broadcasting on commercial interests is threatening its ability to avoid the same sort of degradation that seems always to accompany those interests. **The exploitation of children, and general debasement of broadcasting, is a direct result of competitive commercialism in radio and TV.**

I think at these times of how Herbert Hoover, then Secretary of Interior, I think, said we would rue the day that we allowed commercial interests to take over the public airwaves. I never thought of Hoover as being particularly bright, but he sure got it right that time!

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Hundt:

I read your letter which was printed in the L.A. Times. I am a concerned consumer. I wish to express my disapproval of the "trash" on television.

The producers say we can control the viewing habits of our children. Not always. We often find our children with friends + neighbors out of our range; or perhaps we are not in the home every minute of the day to monitor "the garbage" coming in.

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I hope steps will be taken to improve the quality of television. As it is, there may be one or two quality broadcasts a week.

Thankyou for your letter of advice to the L.A. Times.

You will have my support!

Sincerely,

Eileen T. Olson

P.S. I have 15 grandchildren, I am concerned about what they are being "fed" on T.V.

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Chairman Reed Hundt  
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing so that I can bring to your attention the deplorable state of television programming for children that exists in our country.

As an elementary school principal and father of four children, I find it almost impossible to shield children from the sex and violence that is shown on television. This not only takes place on television programs, but it is shown during commercial breaks of some "family shows" that are supposedly safe for children to watch. This is often a clip of another program that will be shown later.

Everyday I see children who are constantly exposed to inappropriate language and actions on T.V. Even when my wife and I talk to our children about the inappropriateness of those things, I believe it does have a negative affect on them.

It was my understanding that the Children's Television Act would serve to increase quality children's programming and to protect children from the violence and sexual innuendo that occurs regularly during primetime television viewing hours.

Please consider doing something about this national problem. The children of our country are being harmed and you are in the best position to help solve this problem.

Sincerely,



**Jim Makey**  
**Elementary Principal**

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implementation, covers too wide an area to  
be taken seriously by anyone who  
doesn't already have their mind made up.

I'd rather change the channel, ~~rather~~ than not  
be able to have the experience, whatever the medium  
might be. So let the "industry" put out what  
it thinks may be of interest to me, and let  
me decide whether I want to "watch" it or  
not.

Sincerely,

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As telecommunications regulation winds its way through Congress, the Federal Communications Commission faces an expanded role as protector of the public interest. But even under present authority, the FCC finds itself in a position to change fundamentally the way telecommunications policy serves America's children.

With the public's support, the commission could:

1. • Make sure every broadcast television station shows a certain minimum amount of children's educational programming every week.
2. • Make sure that every classroom in the country has access to the Internet, electronic mail and distance learning.
3. • Make sure that broadcast television stations tell TV guides in local newspapers what shows are appropriate for children and what are too violent for children.
4. • Make sure that when, as Congress has asked, we give \$400 billion of the public's airwaves to broadcast television stations so they can have four times as many channels, some percentage of the new programming will be devoted to public-interest purposes such as educational programming and non-partisan debate of political issues.

But if the public wants these results, it needs to speak out. The industry is telling us what it thinks; the public should let us know where it stands before these issues are decided. I ask that the public write to FCC, Consumer Assistance Branch, 1919 M St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 20554 or call us at (202) 418-0200 or e-mail me at "rhundt@fcc.gov."

REED E. HUNDT  
Chairman, FCC  
Washington

DEAR REED,

Enclosed are some notes regarding your recent letter in the L.A. Times:

1. What is "children's programming"? and what does a certain minimum amount have to do with positively changing America?

2. Is access to the Internet, etc., a good idea without controls? What controls are necessary, if any?

3. How do T.V. guides, and those who program them, know what is "appropriate for children"? What is "too violent" for children, or adults?

4. The term "educational programming" is an oxymoron when viewed within the context of your previous statements, just as a non-partisan political debate idea is disingenuous at best.

Your four points contain some good thoughts, however their interpretation, and possible implementation, covers a lot of ground.